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(2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1076b the following new item:

"1076c. Dental insurance plan: certain retirees and their surviving spouses and other dependents."

10 USC 1076c (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Beginning not later than October 1, 1997, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) offer members of the Armed Forces and other persons described in subsection (b) of section 1076c of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)(1) of this section), the opportunity to enroll in the dental insurance plan required under that section; and

(2) begin to provide benefits under the plan.

**SEC. 704. PLAN FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE  
FOR CHILDREN WITH  
MEDICAL CONDITIONS CAUSED BY  
PARENTAL EXPOSURE  
TO CHEMICAL MUNITIONS WHILE  
SERVING AS MEMBERS  
OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

(3) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall develop a plan for ensuring the provision of medical care to any natural child of a member of the Armed Forces (including former members and members discharged or otherwise separated from active duty) who has a congenital defect or catastrophic illness, proven to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty on the basis of scientific research to have resulted from exposure of the member to a chemical warfare agent or other hazardous material to which the member was exposed during active military service.

(4) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit the plan developed under subsection (a) to Congress.

Regulations. (c) DEFINITIONS OF CONGENITAL DEFECT AND CATASTROPHIC

ILLNESS.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe in regulations a definition of the terms "congenital defect" and "catastrophic illness" for the purposes of this section.

**Subtitle B—TRICARE  
Program**

**SEC. 711. CHAMPUS PAYMENT LIMITS FOR  
TRICARE PRIME  
ENROLLEES.**

Section 1079(h)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is amended in the second sentence by striking out "emergency".

**SEC. 712. IMPROVED INFORMATION EXCHANGE  
BETWEEN MILITARY  
TREATMENT FACILITIES AND TRICARE  
PROGRAM  
CONTRACTORS.**

(a) UNIFORM INTERFACES.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the automated medical information system being developed by the Department of Defense (known as the Composite Health Care System) provides for uniform interfaces between information systems of military treatment facilities and private contractors under managed care programs of the TRICARE program. The uniform interface shall provide for a full electronic two-way exchange of health care information between the military treatment facilities and contractor information systems, including enrollment information, information regarding eligibility determinations, provider net-